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# Interstate 10 Construction Update

Avondale Boulevard bridge work nearing completion

(Listen to an audio report of upcoming work)

#### ADOT Innovation Takes You Into The Construction Zone

ADOT is utilizing innovative ways to keep you informed of the improvements on the I-10 Improvement Project. You are now invited to view a video progress update. To get the latest visual perspective and insight on timing, construction activities and progress, click the link below. This is the first in a series of videos documenting I-10 widening in the West Valley. Stay tuned for regular video updates!



Click the picture to view the video

#### **Upcoming Restrictions**

This week, construction progress will continue with scheduled restrictions as part of the Interstate 10 Improvement Project. On Friday, 99th Avenue will close underneath I-10 for two to three weeks to begin bridge work at that interchange. Avondale Boulevard will open to traffic this weekend, and close again Monday (Oct. 6) to allow crews to finalize bridge work.

# **Project Information**

The I-10 Improvement Project will provide additional lanes between Verrado Way and Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway). The freeway expansion includes widening the existing median and adding outside lanes to improve east/west traffic flow in the West Valley.

This project is one of the first elements of the *Regional Transportation Plan* and is funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new transportation options in Maricopa County through 2025. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at <a href="https://www.ValleyFreeways.com">www.ValleyFreeways.com</a>.

ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions. As with any complex construction project, there is a possibility that severe weather or other unforeseen difficulties may result in unscheduled closures or restrictions.

Please visit the ADOT <u>Web site</u> for the most current information about planned and ongoing I-10 restrictions.

Here's an overview of scheduled restrictions on I-10 in the West Valley:

#### Avondale Boulevard

Monday, Sept. 29 - Friday, Oct. 3

3 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Avondale Boulevard underneath I-10 was closed on Monday, Sept. 29 for bridge work and will reopen on Friday, Oct. 3 at 2:30 p.m. On- and off-ramps and business access will remain open. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 interchanges. View Map

### 99th Avenue

Friday, Oct. 3 – Friday, Oct. 10

8 p.m. – 4 p.m.

99th Avenue underneath I-10 will be closed for bridge work beginning Friday, Oct. 3 and will reopen for the weekend on Friday, Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. On- and off-ramps and business access will remain open. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 interchanges. View Map

## Interstate 10

Friday, Oct. 3 – Saturday, Oct. 4

11 p.m. – 9 a.m.

Westbound I-10 at 99th Avenue will be restricted to one lane overnight on Friday, Oct. 3.

Saturday, Oct. 4 – Sunday, Oct. 5

11 p.m. – 9 a.m.

I-10 will be restricted to one lane in each direction between 99th and 107th avenues overnight on Saturday, Oct. 4.

#### 99th Avenue

Saturday, Oct. 4 – Sunday, Oct. 5

8 p.m. – 9 a.m.

The I-10 eastbound off-ramp at 99th Avenue will be closed overnight on Saturday, Oct. 4. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 interchanges during this closure. View Map

# Avondale Boulevard

Monday, Oct. 6 - Wednesday, Oct. 8

1 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Avondale Boulevard underneath I-10 will be closed for bridge work beginning early morning Monday, Oct. 6 and will reopen on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 2:30 p.m. On- and off-ramps and business access will remain open. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 interchanges. View Map

# **Bullard Avenue**

Tuesday, Oct. 7 – Wednesday, Oct. 8

9 p.m. - 4:30 a.m.

Bullard Avenue underneath I-10 will be closed for bridge work overnight on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

On- and off-ramps and business access will remain open. Motorists are encouraged to use adjacent I-10 interchanges. <u>View Map</u>

# Work Zone Safety

Safety is a vital part of the ongoing construction process. It is important to plan ahead for restrictions and to slow down in the work zone. Drivers and pedestrians are responsible for staying alert and obeying traffic laws; including signage, traffic barricades and flaggers within construction work zones. Most importantly: *slow down in the work zones*. The speed limit on I-10 has been reduced to 55 mph in work zones for the project duration. The reduced speed limits are intended to protect drivers, passengers and workers in the work zone. Please click here for additional safety tips.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-10 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the ADOT Web site.

- For general information about I-10 improvements, contact the I-10 project hotline at 602.288.9919 or ADOT@policydevelopmentgroup.com.
- For information on construction activities, contact Lars Jacoby at 602.712.7176 or LJacoby@azdot.gov.
- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at <a href="https://www.az511.gov">www.az511.gov</a> or call 5-1-1

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